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## Papazian faces Johnson allies

By Christina Casillas  
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San Jose State University President Mary Papazian announced a majority of Fall 2021 classes will have elements of in-person learning and addressed community members' grievances regarding Gregory Johnson Jr.'s death in Wednesday's Associated Students Board of Directors meeting.

Kenneth Mashinchi, senior director of strategic communications and media relations, said in a Wednesday email Papazian attended the A.S. meeting to discuss the return to campus for Fall 2021.

Papazian said 50-75% of classes will have some form of in-person or hybrid learning.

"The hope is to be far more in person and aligned with the governor's recommendation to open the state by June 15," Papazian said. "A lot of it depends on vaccination access."

Papazian also said officials are "working really hard" to make campus a vaccination site for Santa Clara County.

Advocates for Johnson expressed disappointment with Papazian in the Zoom chat during her update.

"How is she able to talk casually about anything else than Gregory?" alumna Pamela Emanuel wrote.

Supporters interrupted Papazian and voiced frustration with her inaction and lack of accountability in Johnson's case.

Johnson was a former SJSU student who was found dead in the basement of the Sigma Chi fraternity house in 2008.

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Mary Papazian  
SJSU president

The University Police Department and the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office declared his death a suicide, according to the autopsy report.

However, Johnson's family and supporters believe Johnson's death was a hate crime, as he was the only Black member of Sigma Chi and have called on reopening the investigation.

After the comments, Papazian said she would have Vice President of Student Affairs Patrick Day set up a space for discussion with students so they could continue the conversation.

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### IN BRIEF

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■ Gregory Johnson Jr. supporters confronted Papazian and voiced their frustrations about the university's lack of accountability in Johnson's case.

■ Papazian said a discussion space will be made in the future to address supporters' concerns.

INFOGRAPHIC BY BRYANNA BARTLETT

## County provides vaccine updates

By Bryanna Bartlett  
NEWS EDITOR

Vaccine eligibility in Santa Clara County has expanded to all county residents 16 years and older, two days earlier than initially planned, health officials said in a Tuesday news conference.

As of Wednesday, 828,092 or 56% of eligible county residents have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, according to the county's vaccinations dashboard.

About 29% of all vaccine eligible residents have received both doses, according to the dashboard.

Dr. Jennifer Tong, associate chief medical officer for the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, said the county's vaccine supply is finally at

sufficient numbers and is no longer in short supply.

District 3 supervisor Otto Lee said the county received a quarter-million doses of the Pfizer vaccine last week and is expecting 300,000 more this week.

"Our biggest bottleneck for this time has been the actual supply of the vaccines and we've mainly been getting vaccines from the state," Lee said during the news conference. "We've been only receiving anywhere between 50,000 to 70,000 from the state every week for the past three weeks, this is close to four to five times the supply we've been getting."

He also said the county has ramped up its delivery of more than 200,000 vaccines per week, adding

that the increased vaccine supply is a "game changer."

Tong said she anticipates "heavy traffic" when residents are scheduling vaccine appointments and they should remain patient and consistently check for appointment availabilities.

### Johnson & Johnson concerns

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration halted supplies of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on Tuesday after six women ages 18-48 experienced a "very rare complication" of blood clots a few weeks after they received the vaccine.

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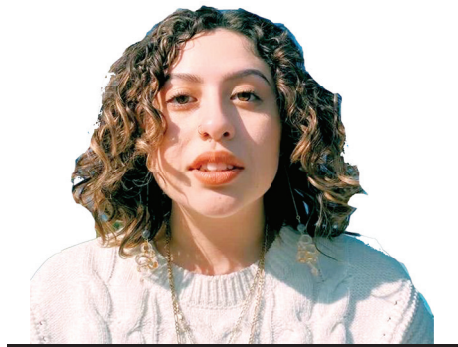
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I didn't want to get this vaccine because of the lack of data. I wanted to turn back and leave to come when they were distributing a different vaccine, but appointments were so hard to come across . . . I knew I needed to get it done and over with.

Kaitlin Miller  
biochemistry sophomore

### STUDENT VOICES

## What do you think of CSU not requiring vaccination?



"CSUs not requiring vaccines but deciding to send students back to campus is yet another example of students as commodities."

Hazel Jacome  
political science freshman



"Ridiculous! It'll only delay return to in-person classes."

Alexander Mullane  
aviation freshman



"Sounded a bit ironic to me at first . . . we are a relatively small campus with a huge population."

Svitlana Kuklenko  
aerospace engineering sophomore



"I think it should be required if classes will resume in person."

Stephanie Valencia  
graphic design senior

REPORTING BY BRYANNA BARTLETT

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**Lou Dimes**  
Black Liberation and Collective Knowledge Outreach president

While public comments are typically held until the end of the meeting, some A.S. directors allowed community members to speak during the director’s designated agenda times.

“For you [Papazian] to come in here and act like you didn’t ignore the calls we’ve been making not just for the past several months, but the calls that this family has been making for the

past 13 years for you to at least acknowledge the murder of Gregory Johnson that happened at [SJSU] is beyond insulting,” Lou Dimes, president of Black Liberation and Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) Outreach said during the meeting.

Johnson’s mother, Denise Johnson, described her son as intelligent and friendly and said she attributes his death to racism held by those who were members of the Sigma Chi fraternity at the time of her son’s death.

“I guess that’s why they killed him,” Johnson said. “He was just too friendly, just too black, too smart and too poor for them [Sigma Chi brothers].”

Community members said Papazian could start taking action against racism at the university by dismantling the Sigma Chi fraternity.



“You have the power to shut down that fraternity very easily,” Emanuel said during the meeting. “It’s honestly disgusting how there’s still students in there sleeping in that bed when someone was murdered there [in the Sigma Chi house].”

Supporters have waited to speak with Papazian since the Feb. 24 A.S. meeting. Papazian was scheduled to attend the meeting to respond to general questions from attendees as the first agenda item, as she usually does once or twice a year, Mashinchi said.

Many community members attended the meeting hoping Papazian would speak on the case because a resolution in his name was a later agenda item. However, she was absent, upsetting many supporters of Johnson’s family.

Mashinchi said she was unable to attend the Feb. 24 meeting because of technical difficulties and time constraints.

Several of Johnson’s supporters were concerned Papazian wouldn’t show up again, writing in Wednesday’s Zoom chat that she was hiding.

“Someone let her know that Mrs. Johnson is here waiting on her once again,” one of the messages read.

“[I had] little to no faith she would show up honestly,” said Julius Moridis, a radio, TV and film sophomore in a phone call after the meeting. “It was infuriating that she couldn’t even show up [during the Feb. 24 meeting], I was incredibly mad.”

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# SANTA CLARA COUNTY VACCINE UPDATES

All county residents 16 and older became vaccine eligible as of Tuesday.



56% of vaccine eligible residents have received one dose of the vaccine as of Wednesday.  
29% have completed the vaccines series.

Use of Johnson & Johnson vaccine is paused to investigate six cases of blood clots in women ages 18-48.



Johnson & Johnson is 5% of the county’s vaccine supply and will be easily replaced by the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The county has received four to five times more vaccine doses compared to the last three weeks.



A quarter million doses of the Pfizer vaccine arrived last week. The county expects 300,000 more to arrive this week.

INFOGRAPHIC BY PAULA PIVA; SOURCE: SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS AND VACCINATION DASHBOARD

## VACCINE

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Biochemistry sophomore Kaitlin Miller said she was hesitant upon arrival to her vaccination appointment Friday when the health care provider told her she was receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

“I didn’t want to get this vaccine because of the lack of data,” Miller said in a text. “I wanted to turn back and leave to come when they were distributing a different vaccine, but appointments were so hard to come across . . . I knew I needed to get it done and over with.”

When the CDC paused the vaccine supply Tuesday, she said she was filled with fear because she “knew something like this would happen” and she fit the age group of the women who developed blood clots.



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**Otto Lee**  
district 3 supervisor

Aerospace engineering sophomore Nima Borhani received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on March 6 and said despite the rare and severe blood clots reported, the

vaccine is safer than contracting the COVID-19 virus.

“There’s definitely concerns because there’s not much [long-term] data but I think the same could be said for the other vaccines,” Borhani said in a text.

Dr. Martin Fenstersheib, Santa Clara County’s public health officer, said the pause has little effect on the county’s current vaccination progress.

“[Johnson & Johnson is] 5% of our vaccine [supply],” Fenstersheib said during the news conference. “We can easily switch out one of the other vaccines for the Johnson & Johnson and it will not show much of an impact with our ability to vaccinate.”

He said none of the blood clotting cases were reported in California and the CDC will convene with its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to investigate the complication.

Fenstersheib said about 60,000 county residents have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and shouldn’t be concerned as their risk of developing blood clots is “one in a million” and the risk is even less if they received the vaccine more than a month ago.

Residents who received the vaccine within the past few weeks should contact their health care provider if they develop prolonged symptoms including severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain and shortness of breath, Fenstersheib said.

### Vaccine disparities

Betty Duong, the county’s public information officer and a leader in outreach and education efforts, said while COVID-19 case, death and transmission rates are flattening, there are ongoing

disparities by geography, race and ethnicity.



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**Nima Borhani**  
aerospace engineering sophomore

“East San Jose and south county residents have been particularly hit hard as well as our Latinx community and our African ancestry communities,” Duong said during the news conference.

She said these communities are facing barriers to vaccine access, language, digital transformation and reliance, which are preventing them from accessing the vaccines.

Duong said the county’s “mass strategy” to bridge these gaps is addressing COVID-19 virus and vaccine fears while promoting equity.

These efforts include having community health care workers go door to door to schedule vaccine appointments and providing resources such as health care consultations to answer questions.

Duong said the community health care workers speak the county’s five threshold languages, which are Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese and Tagalog.

In order for the county to move into less restrictive tiers, Fenstersheib said it’s crucial residents get vaccinated to continue dropping case and transmission rates, including rates of COVID-19 variants.

Santa Clara County has been in the orange tier since March 24. In the orange tier, retail stores and shopping centers are open at 100% capacity while places of worship, restaurants, movie theaters, museums, zoos and aquariums are open at 50% and gyms and fitness centers are open at 25%.

“As much as we have this good news right now, we still need to remain vigilant,” Lee said. “Getting the vaccine does not mean you’re safe. After vaccines, you need a second dose and you have to wait a couple of weeks after the second dose to be fully vaccinated.”

Lee said the important thing is to continue wearing masks and practicing safety protocols.

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## Corrections

On Tuesday, April 13 the Spartan Daily published a story titled “Conservative tour comes to San Jose” in which Noelle Smith was misidentified.

On Wednesday, April 14 the Spartan Daily published a story titled “Beloved cafe is a local hangout spot” in which Joseph Huh was misidentified.

The Spartan Daily regrets these errors.



# These sandwiches check all the boxes

By **Giorgina Laurel**  
STAFF WRITER

My intense craving to scarf down a spicy chicken sandwich drove my dog and I to Scratch Cookery Thursday afternoon, with almost no one around to delay me from immersing myself in delicious food.

I was initially a bit lost looking for the eatery because I expected an obvious food truck parked outside as it's labeled on Yelp. However, I simply needed to look down at a chalkboard sign that read "Scratch Cookery x Original Gravity" that caught my attention with its cute drawing of a chicken and a beer.

The Scratch Cookery food truck is typically located only four minutes away from campus near South First Street and open Thursday through Sunday.

However, on the day I went, it was located inside another restaurant called Original Gravity, where they are using and sharing Original Gravity's kitchen while Scratch Cookery's own restaurant is being built near the same location.

I was greeted by friendly staff and was able to eat in the restaurant's back patio with my dog.

Scratch Cookery formerly went by the name Shark Bait, but rebranded in 2018. The manager, Andie Nguyen, said the restaurant's owner switched to chicken sandwiches after crafting the perfect, delicious recipe.

Nguyen also said employees take their time going through every single piece of chicken to ensure they're up to par. The chefs marinate the chicken for at least 24 hours and they get fresh breading every morning.

The dedication in crafting the



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The Nashville Hot Chicken sandwiches are customizable with varying spice levels and bread types.

perfect recipe really comes across in the taste of the sandwich.

Although it's at a temporary location, the restaurant had a really nice and relaxing aesthetic. Its outdoor patio had pleasant picnic tables and calming background music which added to the mellow ambience.

With the pandemic still ongoing, the eatery had its menu available online through an easily accessible QR code on the tables.

Although its menu is smaller than other restaurants, there's still many choices available plus options for varying spice levels. It also had a seasonal Shrimp Po Boy they included for Lent.

The first thing I ordered was fries and it's worth noting they were made fresh and not

food review

"Scratch Cookery"

Rating:  
★★★★★

Price:  
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Location:  
66 S 1st St.

Cuisine:  
Nashville hot chicken sandwiches

frozen. They were perfectly crispy without being overly oily and were cutely shaped almost like a moon.

Next I ordered the two most popular items, according to one of the waiters: the Grilled Cheese Nashville Hot with Texas Toast at a level two spice and the Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich at a level zero spice, which is basically coated in black pepper.

The two sandwiches are essentially the same but the latter had a brioche bun rather than Texas toast and cheese.

Both sandwiches were ginormous! They were way bigger than my Chihuahua's head so I was quite intimidated.

I had some difficulty taking the first bite because I couldn't get my mouth to open wide enough to fully fit in the sandwich, but after the initial bite everything went well

and I was able to taste all the ingredients together.

The two sandwiches had flawlessly cooked chicken that was the perfect combination of crispy and juicy. The tenderness helped ease the spiciness of the breading on the chicken and it had a nice red and orange color.

The spices on both the level two and level zero sandwiches were evenly coated, which added to the quality of the sandwiches more than anything else. This is unlike other places such as Chick-fil-A where its spicy chicken is good but seems rushed and the spice isn't evenly distributed.

The other ingredients including the coleslaw, pickles and comeback sauce, paired together perfectly. Comeback sauce is a dairy-based sauce with garlic and cajun and is popular in the South. I'm not a big fan of coleslaw or pickles but it complemented the sandwiches very well and helped tame how spicy it was.

The cheese on the Grilled Cheese Nashville Hot truly completed the whole sandwich with the right amount of crunchiness to blend with the tender chicken.

Scratch Cookery has the best chicken sandwiches that are juicy and savory. They cater to those who aren't as well-equipped to handle spice and those who live for the heat. It deserves more recognition and is definitely worth the time to check out, but make sure you wear clothes you aren't afraid of ruining with a little sauce.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1. Speech disorder
- 5. Group of cattle
- 9. Hoodwink
- 13. Against
- 14. Territories
- 16. Anagram of "Sire"
- 17. Fraud
- 18. Luxury boat
- 19. Chick's sound
- 20. Periods of discounted prices
- 22. Store clerk
- 24. Dwarf buffalo
- 26. A keyboard instrument
- 27. Anagram of "Migrate"
- 30. Warning devices
- 33. Sacrifice
- 35. Tranquility
- 37. 7 in Roman numerals
- 38. Urgency
- 41. Directed
- 42. Banana oil, e.g.
- 45. Angering
- 48. Unruffled
- 51. Tournament
- 52. Nautical for stop
- 54. Male deer

- 55. Pus-filled cavities
- 59. A drama set to music
- 62. Hubs
- 63. Oozes
- 65. Goad
- 66. Urarthritis
- 67. Boredom
- 68. Its symbol is Pb
- 69. Troops
- 70. Visual organs
- 71. Makes a mistake

DOWN

- 1. Young girl
- 2. Ancient Peruvian
- 3. A cylinder in a cave
- 4. Salad pepper
- 5. Fodder
- 6. Historical periods
- 7. Summary
- 8. Showy bloom
- 9. Express strong disapproval
- 10. Component of urine
- 11. Multicolored
- 12. Catch a glimpse of
- 15. Pillar
- 21. Dirt
- 23. Break
- 25. Nursemaid
- 27. Rend
- 28. Awry
- 29. Estimated time of arrival
- 31. Slacker
- 32. Display
- 34. East southeast
- 36. Jittery
- 39. Explosive
- 40. God of love
- 43. Rapacity
- 44. Rant
- 46. Car
- 47. Wrestle
- 49. Thigh armor
- 50. Ancient ascetic
- 53. Little
- 55. Aquatic plant
- 56. Rude person
- 57. Pond gunk
- 58. Disgorge
- 60. Lion sound
- 61. Contributions
- 64. Female sib

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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### SOLUTIONS 4/14/2021

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### JOKIN' AROUND

Did you hear about the new restaurant on the moon?

There wasn't much atmosphere.

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# Masturbation: highest form of self-love



**Joclyn Aguirre**  
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Self-love normally refers to positive behaviors, well-being and happiness through acceptance, affirmations and confidence, to name a few. While it means something different for each person, I say self-love starts by going under the sheets.

To no surprise, self-sexual stimulation has been looked at in a negative light for centuries.

Hallie Liberman, author of the book “Buzz: The Stimulating History of the Sex Toy,” said the stigma started when Christianity and other religions forbade followers from any form of sex that wasn’t reproductive.

“Masturbation has been considered a sin since the fourth century, not just because it was non-procreative, but also because it occurred outside of marriage,” Liberman said in a June 5, 2018 Helloclue article, a platform for reproductive health.

Some Bible passages encourage people to wait until marriage to have sexual encounters because sex outside of that institution is a sin.

Because self-sexual stimulation including masturbation is typically seen as involving lust, addiction and self-centeredness, the act is often done in secret, according to an Aug. 4, 2017 True Freedom Trust article, a UK ministry resource website.

Aside from religion,



ILLUSTRATION BY NICK YBARRA

societal notions play into the stigma of self-pleasure.

Masturbation isn’t taught in sex education, according to The Body, an online AIDs resource platform. In fact, most states are still considered to be in the dark ages when it boils down to sexuality. A study found 74% of males and 48% of female adolescents ages 14-17 masturbate.

So, why isn’t masturbation a part of sex ed’s curriculum when it’s the safest sexual practice because it doesn’t put you at risk for STI transmission or unwanted pregnancy?

“Not teaching people about masturbation creates and reinforces the idea that masturbation is a shameful practice, which is based in moral judgments and not evidence-based public health,” Andrea Barrica, founder of the sex education website O.school said in

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**This form of self-love may also boost your self-esteem because you’re spending quality time getting to know your body.**

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The Body article.

As a female myself, I was never told masturbating was OK, but at the same time, I saw it was almost normalized for males. It’s like women’s desires have been suppressed while men’s have been glorified, particularly in the media.

The Netflix show “Bridgerton” is an example, which portrayed women as shameful for partaking in any type of sexual acts, including masturbation, before marriage. The TV

show depicts the main character Daphne forced into marrying a man because they were caught kissing. If they weren’t to marry one another, then Daphne would’ve been shamed within the community.

Women are almost always conditioned to find love or satisfaction from a partner and not from themselves. However, sex should be pleasing to you and fulfilling self-desires should come first before pleasing a partner.

Self-sexual stimulation

can be some of the greatest love and care you could experience.

Masturbation also causes the body to release tons of helpful hormones, such as dopamine, oxytocin and endorphins, otherwise known as “happiness hormones,” according to Healthline.

These hormones positively affect your mood and physical health because they are associated with stress reduction, bonding and relaxation, according to the same article.

This form of self-love may also boost your self-esteem because you’re spending quality time getting to know your body.

While you’re learning to enjoy your body and figuring out what feels pleasurable to you, practicing self-sexual stimulation can help you love and accept your body.

Self-pleasure can also

teach you discipline. Rather than looking for multiple partners for satisfaction, you can rely on yourself for pleasure. Some people might not feel good about themselves once they’ve hooked up with a stranger, but if you know what you enjoy, you can “hook up” with yourself and not be disappointed.

That’s not to say you shouldn’t desire sexual relations with a partner, but it shows you don’t need a partner to ultimately achieve sexual satisfaction.

Practicing self-pleasure could improve your sex life by helping you figure out what’s pleasurable and exciting for you, which in turn can help you show your partner what you enjoy in the bedroom, creating a deeper bond together.

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# Influencer apologies are downright performative



**Jacqueline Vela**  
STAFF WRITER

Money, power and fame are a dangerous mix when given to the wrong people. It’s time for fans to start asking if influencers’ apologies make up for their actions.

James Charles, Jake Paul and David Dobrik are all well-known YouTube influencers who’ve had recent allegations and controversy surrounding their careers.

A Dec. 17, 2020, Vulture article writes, “If you’ve seen one influencer apology, you’ve kind of seen them all. The video, Instagram story and notes app apologies that Internet stars have become notorious for all tend to follow a familiar pattern, even as 2020 turned up the chaos threshold on their scandals.”

Regardless of claims made, all allegations are usually addressed by the influencer themselves in a video at some point in their careers.

Charles, a YouTube beauty guru, has been wrapped up in controversy for a good portion of his career. Instead of owning up to his poor judgment, he acts like he’s apologetic and then

makes excuses in an effort to victimize himself.

Frankly I’m not surprised with how he handles controversy and in fact, I’m not surprised by the way most influencers handle controversy.

Recent allegations against Charles arose when victims turned to social media platforms, including TikTok and YouTube, to come forward about their stories of sexual assault and grooming.

Grooming is when a person engages in predatory conduct to prepare a child or young person for sexual activity at a later time, according to the Victoria, Australia Department of Education website.

Charles’s most recent allegations began a few weeks ago when an underage TikToker revealed conversations sent through Snapchat of Charles trying to engage in sexual and inappropriate conduct with him.

These videos blew up of course, but Charles continued posting like nothing happened.

Though he did address the allegations of sexual

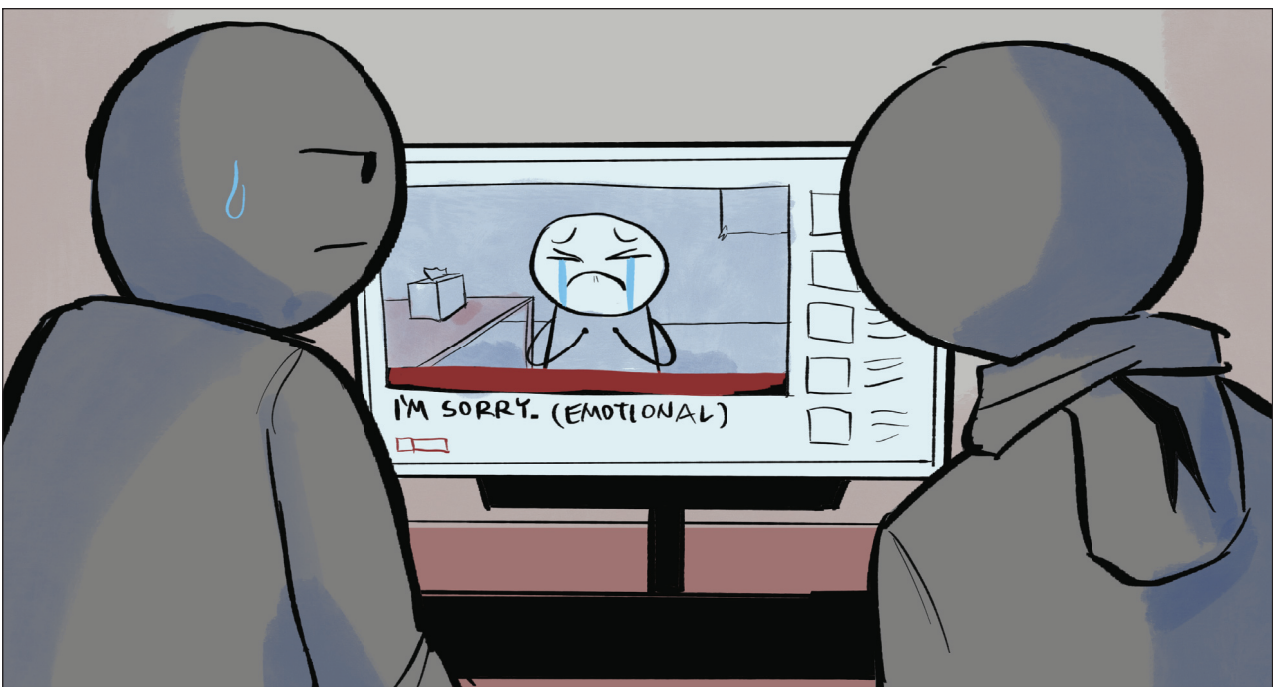


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harassment on Twitter, that seemed to be all he wanted to say, as he continued to post on his YouTube channel as normal.

He posted two makeup videos before he finally posted an apology video, and the video was exactly what I expected.

Many were quick to recall the time Charles hosted a YouTube mini-series called “Instant Influencer” where he taught contestants how to make apology videos.

According to a May 2020 The Verge article, “Charles gives a group of aspiring beauty stars a new challenge: create an apology video that is believable and won’t end up torn to shreds by the popular commentators who often keep

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**These issues are magnified when influencers have power. You hear about the same problems repeatedly and multiple apology videos won’t change anything if they still happen.**

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YouTube’s community in check.”

Many went as far as comparing the comments and tips Charles gave the contestants to what he recited in his video.

He tried to deflect blame for his actions because he

said he’s “desperate,” but as an adult he should know better.

Charles can’t use desperation as an excuse for his actions, but because he knows people will eventually move on, any excuse is all he needs.

These issues are magnified when influencers have power. You hear about the same problems repeatedly and multiple apology videos won’t change anything if they still happen.

Experts said the power dynamic between an Internet influencer and their fans presents hard questions about consent, regardless of a fan’s age, according to a March 19, 2021 Insider article.

Instead of learning how to create believable apology videos, Charles should teach up-and-coming influencers about consent.

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OPINION

# U.S. women’s soccer deserves equal pay



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The U.S. women’s soccer team receives much less funding and attention than their male counterparts despite being dramatically better and everyone knows why.

Sexism is rife throughout the sports world and it’s time women got the credit they deserve.

The women’s soccer team qualified for the Olympics yet again, while the men’s team has failed to qualify for the last 13 years, according to a March 28 New York Times article.

The soccer teams are among the most blatant displays of modern day sexism in sports, but this issue has existed everywhere since women’s sports were first popularized.

Women pushed for competitive sports in colleges for decades, but were met with adversity from male-dominated administrations who didn’t want to “lose control” over their athletic programs, according to a March 14, 2008 article from The Sport Journal.

Women’s sports in the U.S. drastically changed during World War II.

Most men left for war and characters such as “Rosie the Riveter” encouraged the idea that women could perform equally to men. The All-American Girls Baseball League was created in 1943 in an attempt to replace the



The United States Women’s National Team celebrates its victory in 2012 against Canada to qualify for the Olympics.

MLB, which was paused because of the war.

It was the first professional women’s sports team in American history.

Women were still treated as less than men in the sports world despite this advancement. The passage and implementation of Title IX was supposed to equal the playing field for collegiate women across the U.S., but large institutions such as the NCAA pushed to limit the legislation’s effect on sports. The NCAA only made space for women to play when the organization’s popularity and influence was threatened by growing interest in women’s sports.

Men’s and women’s professional sports are kept mostly segregated today and are treated completely different.

For example, the U.S. women’s soccer team has

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fought for equal support and pay since 2019. The women cited lesser pay, worse working conditions and improper venues as part of the reason for their lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation, according to a December 1 NPR article.

It’s hard to calculate exact numbers because the men’s and women’s teams have different contracts. Women have a base salary of \$100,000, but receive no losing bonuses. Meanwhile, men have no base salary, but receive a \$5,000 losing bonus – yes, a losing

bonus – according to a July 8, 2019 Washington Post article.

According to the same article, women make \$28,333 less in an average 20-game season.

The prize money for the 2019 Women’s World Cup was \$30 million, while the total prize money for the 2019 Men’s World Cup was \$400 million. Each woman on the winning team walked away with \$4 million, while each man walked away with \$38 million.

The soccer federation and the Women’s National Team agreed on a partial settlement

The federation also stated biological differences are “indisputable science” and men’s soccer “requires a higher level of skill.”


Women reading this probably just rolled their eyes because we’ve all heard the same, tiring argument. Everyone knows there are biological differences between men and women, but women’s athleticism is just as valuable as men’s.

This is especially true in the case of U.S. soccer. The Women’s National Team is currently considered the best international women’s soccer team in the world. The team has four Women’s World Cup titles, four Olympic gold medals and eight Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football gold cups under its belt.

Meanwhile, the U.S. men’s soccer team hasn’t won a World Cup title since 1950 and hasn’t even qualified for the last three Olympics. The difference in these two teams’ contributions is so staggering, one might question the physical capabilities of American men.

The U.S. women’s soccer team is only one story in the ongoing fight for gender equity in sports. Women’s contributions to sports are of as much value to the world as men’s, if not more in some situations. The world needs to acknowledge these women for what they are: professional athletes.

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Where can I **make new friends**

Where can I **take care of my well-being**

Where can I **learn new things**

Where can I **take a breath and a break**



Alum Rock Counseling Center and Santa Clara County are excited to invite you to Virtual You! Virtual You is a series of free virtual wellness groups for young people ages 12-25 aimed to build community and create space for connection. Our goal is to help you wind-down, re-center, and invest in yourself by incorporating self-care into your daily lives. Below are schedules and descriptions of our current groups:

**MINDFUL MONDAYS:** This is a group to practice and learn about mindfulness. This group is for you whether you’re brand new to the practice or have been in a long-term relationship with mindfulness. Weekly themes include Grounding, Gratitude, Self-Love, and more!  
Middle School: Weekly on Mondays | 3:15-3:45pm  
High School & College: Weekly on Mondays |4:00-4:30pm

**COLOR & VIBE:** In this group, you’ll learn to implement self-care by vibing to music and making art. Participants will learn to make color wheels, choose coloring sheets, create self-portraits, do photo and shapes art, and follow along with step by step “how to draw” tutorials.  
All Young People: Weekly on Tuesdays | 4:30-5:30pm

**GAME NIGHT:** Virtual you is hosting Game Nights! The middle school group will rotate playing Among Us, Jackbox, and board games. The Game Night After Dark group will rotate through Super Smash bros, Jackbox, Nintendo games, and more!  
Middle School: Weekly on Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30pm  
Game Night After Dark (High School & College): Weekly on Wednesdays | 5:45-6:45pm

**TALK SPACE:** This group is a space to “let it all out.” There will be different topics each week and we will hold space for you to vent about it all. Topics will range from how hard zoom school is, grieving social events, to just missing the normal life things. Whatever it is, we’re here for you.  
Middle School: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30-5:30pm  
High School and College: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month | 4:30-5:30pm

**SHOW & TELL:** Show & Tell is a fun way to show off your favorite things! Whether you want to show off your pets, plants, cool gadgets, instruments, or anything else, this is a fun space to share and learn from one another!  
Middle School: Weekly on Fridays | 4:00-5:00pm  
High School & College: Weekly on Fridays | 5:15-6:15pm

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